

Winter's Tail—Comprehension

Read the following questions carefully. You may look back at the selection to help find the answer to each question.

- 1 What happened to Winter?
 - (A) She was hit by a motorboat.
 - (B) Her tail was bitten off by a shark.
 - (C) She swam away from her mother.
 - (D) Her tail was badly damaged in a crab trap.

- 2 How did Winter swim differently from other dolphins?
 - (F) Her tail stump did not move.
 - (G) Her tail stump moved up-and-down.
 - (H) Her tail stump moved from side to side.
 - (I) Her tail stump moved in a circular motion.

- 3 What did the trainers have to do after they introduced her to another dolphin, but before they could teach her how to swim with a prosthetic tail?
 - (A) strengthen her backbone
 - (B) how to drink from a bottle
 - (C) teach her how to swim with her stump
 - (D) get her used to the feel of a prosthesis

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- 4 Why does Winter have to wear the prosthesis a few hours each day even though she can swim without it?
- Ⓕ for practice
 - Ⓖ for the scientist's research
 - Ⓗ to keep her backbone healthy
 - Ⓘ so other dolphins will recognize her
- 5 According to the selection, how did Winter's situation help others?
- Ⓐ It helped sick dolphins.
 - Ⓑ It improved boat technology.
 - Ⓒ It improved prosthetic technology.
 - Ⓓ It improved the speed of swimmers.

